

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2022

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the regular Board of Commissioners' (BOC) meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. in the BOC's room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Robert Harrison gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

The Chair instructed the Clerk to take a roll call with the following results:

12 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell, Jim Curran, Teri Sue Freehling, Robert Harrison, Jon Hinkelman, Michael Majerek, James Martin, Ezra Scott, David Vollrath, Julie Wuerfel, Mamie Yarbrough and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2022 - SPECIAL FY2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING AND OCTOBER 20, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING:

Commissioner Martin moved and supported by Commissioner Wuerfel, to approve the Special FY2023 Budget Workshop meeting minutes of October 19, 2022 and the BOC regular meeting minutes of October 20, 2022. Motion carried and no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

An email invitation from Jennie Koebel, Berrien County Farm Bureau, to attend the Berrien County Farm Bureau Annual Board of Directors meeting to be held on Thursday, November 3, 2022 at the Sarett Nature Center, received on October 24, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS – Public comments at this portion of the meeting must be related to resolutions listed on today's agenda only. Those speaking during public comments may do so no longer than two minutes and shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9B-C). The public should refer to the resolution # that they are commenting on as a part of their comments: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Vollrath, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolution(s) #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2210052	Approve Bills & Road Payables
*B2210099	Weekly Requisitions
A2210388	MDOT TAP Grant Application
A2210389	Approve Policy ADM-5210

*Commissioner Freehling stated she will abstain on Resolution #B2210099 on Requisition #60873 for REV Excavating in abundance of caution.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

12 YEAS: Curran, *Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Martin, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) – Finance, Personnel & Human Services and Administration Committees:

The Finance, Personnel & Human Services (PHSC) and Administration Committees presented their Committee Reports. Parent Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S):

The Commissioners presented their outside committee reports.

Road Department Director Mark Heyliger spoke about the concerns on Tulip Road and surrounding roads in Hagar Township, and the road improvements using RAP. Mark Heyliger stated that the Berrien County Road Department uses RAP when available. He said it provides a better and longer lasting road that will resist wash outs and ruts better than gravel. Discussion was held.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Brian Dissette gave his Administrator's Report. Administrator Dissette announced Career Pathway Day at the LMC Mendel Center on October 28, 2022, from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS - Those speaking during public comments may do so no longer than two minutes and shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village. (Article III, 3.9 B-C). The Board of Commissioners embraces diverse points of view as the Board considers a wide variety of policy challenges. The right to be heard is a central democratic value. That said, public comments are most productive when it is civil and respectful. Personal attacks have no place in reasoned discourse. We urge all commenters to share their viewpoints in a manner that is respectful and courteous, and to refrain from making comments that are abusive, defamatory or obscene:

Adolf Pelzer, Hagar Township, spoke about the County Public Safety Millage proposal on the November ballot.

Sheriff Paul Bailey, Berrien Township, gave an update on Animal Control. The Sheriff's Department will help Animal Control by assisting with cleaning the kennels.

Administrator Dissette stated that the Animal Control Department will be hosting the Annual "Trunk or Treat" event on Saturday October 29, 2022 from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS:

Commissioner Yarbrough announced the Land Bank Authority meeting at 1:00 P.M. today.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.